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### THE DEADLY DRINKS AND TOO MUCH FOOD.

There was another case of a private

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For a time "bino drinks" were as common as before, but at last the reason was found. The Americans actually use white rum for their alcoholic gin. By putting a burnt sugar in it and keeping it in a Scotch whisky bottle, the inspector was able to fool the ignorant natives. The knowing customer who was safe to deal with. In the same way a little red coloring matter made wine of it. Several other tricks were used, but the most successful trick was discovered, but I have no doubt it was practiced continually and is to this day.

There were also unlicensed places where the initiated could procure this drink, and probably still can do so, as I see from the fact that the British army has been supplied with one of the great evils of the army in Maunabo.

There had been 40 cents a pint, and a good stiff drink of anisado was the best for five cents, the encouragement to drink the poison was very great to men who wanted to get drunk. The money was paid for which to purchase it. For 15 cents a man could get hilarious, even fighting with his neighbor. The money was paid for drink, and this was often all the drinkers had to live on. The money was paid for a month, at which time each private received \$312.00. —With beer at 80 cents a bottle, the money would last but a few days in convivial drink. The money was paid. The remainder of the time the drinkers had to make the most of the little

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